

ARDIS

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ARDIS is an association of former national security officials and concerned citizens--ex-CIA agents, ex-military, ex-FBI, ex-Foreign Service, medical doctors, PhDs, lawyers, decorated soldiers, distinguished scholars, authors, students, housewives, and millions of concerned citizens--who are questioning the myths of "national security" activities and demanding legal, rational, humane United States foreign policy.

ARDIS OBJECTIVES:

1) To engage in public education campaigns to reverse the blind acceptance of covert activities by the people of the United States.

2) To provide an organization in which former members of the national security apparatus, and all other concerned citizens, can join to express their opposition to covert operations in the United States foreign and domestic policy.

PROJECTS:

In the coming, presidential-election year, ARDIS will stage a series of Hearings, beginning in Iowa, January 10, then New Hampshire, February 4, and elsewhere designed to address publicly the "secret wars" and covert policies of the United States government. For each of these hearings a panel of distinguished experts will be assembled to meet the press, hear public testimony, give interviews and challenge all presidential candidates to broaden their knowledge of the subject.

The first five Hearings will address the following themes:

a) The damage that covert operations do to United States national security interests. The failure of covert action. The illegality of covert action. The failure of the Joint committees to address the propriety of covert action in the Iran/contra hearings.

b) The human rights concerns: individual, family, and societal trauma that result from "low intensity conflict." The refugee and "disposal" problems (Where to put the contra killers?) that result from the destabilization of other societies. The effect these problems have on world stability.

c) The issue of academic integrity. While CIA officials are now overtly assigned to University staffs, the official recruiters publicly come and go, and the covert agents operate secretly on every campus, recruiting and corrupting, bribing professors, and secretly funding research and propagandistic publications.

d) The family concerns: Thousands of people in the United States have been widowed, widowed, orphaned, abandoned, and hurt by their loved ones' involvements in covert operations. A special Hearing will be designed in Washington D.C. to address their concerns.

e) The effect of covert action on United States society. Laws are being passed with alarming frequency, honoring the secrecy of domestic and foreign covert operations at the expense of cherished freedoms. At the same time, national security operatives break the law, associate with drug dealers, and assassinate world leaders, profoundly corrupting our own society.

SIMULTANEOUSLY:

ARDIS leaders will continue their individual programs, delivering literally hundreds of lectures and interviews, organizing events, writing books and articles, and researching the covert activities of the United States government.

The ARDIS Council of Area Studies includes fourteen individuals with extraordinary personal and professional experience and interest in covert policies. Some have sacrificed careers, security and personal safety to speak out.

ARDIS researchers estimate that 6 million people have been killed in United States covert operations, including the 15,000 mostly Catholic, rag-poor peasants in Nicaragua.

THE TIME IS NOW!

The nation is stirring with deep, burning questions:

--The United States produces MX missiles, that can never be used, or sold abroad, while its allies are producing better trade goods, and the economic balance is shifting permanently. Why?

--The White House and Congress are obsessed with the contra program in Nicaragua, a country with two elevators, while Japan gains control of 30% of overseas capital exchange!! Why?

--The US is left facing the FOUR DEBTS OF THE APOCALYPSE! Why?

--Assassination and drug smuggling that track directly into the White House!! What really happened in the Iran/contra scandal? Why didn't the Joint Committees investigate??

--Corruption at every level! The president's closest friends indicted! Drug dealers telephoning the Vice President's office! FBI, DEA, Customs investigations thwarted by the Justice Department! Why?

--Presidential policy--THE REAGAN DOCTRINE--is to support "low intensity conflicts" all over the globe. The budget for these operations runs into billions of dollars. Millions of people suffer. Why?

--What is "National security?"

These are the questions THE ASSOCIATION FOR RESPONSIBLE DISSENT is determined to ask the American people as they prepare to vote in 1988!